(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the steps takin to recover the over-payments against the erring principal ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) and (b) The Audit has osberved that the Principal, Kendriya Vidyalaya, Moscow, is a non-representational grade officer but has drawn foreign allowance at par with the First Secretary of the Embassy (who is a representational grade officer).

(c) The matter is being processed for settlement.

Science books in Hindi

1452. SHRI SHIV PRASAD CHANPURIA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) what is the mechanism to ensure proper coordination for preparation, publication and distribution of science books in Hindi and other Indian languages among NBT, DAVP, NCERT, CSIR, etc;

(b) what efforts have been made to ensure harmony in their pricing; and

(c) what are the details of the programmes of these organisations to bring out science videos and software package in Indian Languages ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

अंडमान निकोबार द्वीपसमूह में विश्वविद्यालय

1453. **श्री प्रमोद महाजन** : क्या **मानव संसाधन विकास** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का अंडमान निकोबार द्वीपसमूह में एक अलग विश्वविद्यालय खोलने का विचार है क्योंकि यह भारत की मुख्य भूमि से दूर है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो कब तक ; और

(ग) क्या इस विश्वविद्यालय में होलिस्टिक साइंस, टेकनालाजी और मैडिकल साइंस के अध्ययन पर बल दिया जाएगा ?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री (श्री अर्जुन सिंह) : (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठते ।

राष्ट्रीय शैक्षिक अनुसंधान और प्रशिक्षण परिषद की पाठ्य पुस्तकों का मूल्यांकन

1454. **श्री प्रमोद महाजन** : क्या **मानव संसाधन विकास** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) राष्ट्रीय शैक्षणिक अनुसंधान और प्रशिक्षण परिषद की पाठ्य-पुस्तकों के मूल्यांकन की क्या व्यवस्था है ;

(ख) इस मूल्यांकन में प्राथमिक स्तर के विज्ञान और भाषा शिक्षण पुस्तकों की प्रति शतता कितनी है; और

(ग) यदि उपर्युक्त भाग (क) का उत्तर "ना" है, तो क्या सरकार सभी स्तरों की पाठ्य पुस्तकों का मूल्यांकन एक स्वतंत्र समिति द्वारा कराए जाने के लिए एक मूल्यांकन पद्धति विकसित करने का विचार रखती है ?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री (श्री अर्जुन सिंह) : (क) राष्ट्रीय शैक्षिक अनुसंधान और प्रशिक्षण परिषद से प्राप्त सूचना के अनुसार इसके पाठ्य पुस्तकों के मूल्यांकन के लिए इस प्रकार की व्यवस्था है :—

(i) व्यापक प्रश्नमालाओं और शिक्षक तथा विशेषज्ञों के मूल्यांकन कार्यशालाओं द्वारा अध्यापकों विशेषज्ञों और छात्रों से पुनर्निवेश

(ii) संशोधित संस्करण निकाले जाने से पूर्व पाठ्य पुस्तकों का समय समय पर गहन अध्ययन ।

(ख) राष्ट्रीय अनुसंधान और प्रशिक्षण परिषद ने यह भी सूचित किया है कि प्राथमिक स्तर की हिन्दी की सभी पुस्तकों का मूल्यांकन प्रगति पर है ।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Schemes for Child Welfare

1455. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are not paying due attention to certain schemes pertaining to Child Welfare;

(b) what is the role of NIPCCD in formulation and implementation of programmes concerning children;

(c) whether it is a fact that the top posts of NIPCCD have remained vacant for a long time; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT, (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) The role of National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development (NIPCCD) in the formulation and implementation of programmes is as under :

(i) To conduct, promote, sponsor and collaborate in research and evaluation studies in Child Development;

(ii) To review programmes for children in the light of the National Policy for Children;

(iii) To review voluntary action in social development;

(iv) To organise and sponsor training programme, orientation courses and Workshops/seminars/conferences for personnel in government service and voluntary sector engaged in child development ;

(v) To identify problems and needs in the area of child development ;

(vi) To advise the Central and State Governments and its agencies, and various other institutions, in the further development and implementation of policies for child development.

(c) There are three top posts in NIPCCD. One is the post of Director and the other two posts of Additional Director. Two posts of Additional Director are filled but the post of Director, NIPCCD is lying vacant since 1st June, 1989. The seniormost Additional Director is holding additional charge of the post of Director.

(d) Vigorous efforts are on to select a person of proven merit for the post of Director. Two interviews have also been held. No suitable person has, however, been found so far. The Government is presently holding consultation with various experts to identify a person of proven merit and stature who will head the Institute.

Crimes against children

1456. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the increasing number of children being kidnapped and being put to cruel and nefarious use ;

(b) what steps Government propose to take to curb such crimes against children ;

(c) whether there is any proposal to conduct specific survey about the number of children not living with their family members ;

(d) whether Government have given any encouragement to NGOs to participate in